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National Domestic Communications Assistance Center Executive Advisory Board Administrative Subcommittee Recommendation



Nomination language:

The Administrative Subcommittee convened over the course of the last several months to discuss how best to assist the Executive Advisory Board (EAB) with fulfilling one its core responsibilities: providing a recommendation to the Attorney General on the selection and appointment of the Director of the NDCAC.

Despite this being the Advisory Board's first public meeting, the NDCAC has been operational since it first opened its doors in early 2013 and has matured its programs that provide support to the law enforcement community. It has actively involved other agencies in supporting law enforcement, it has provided important training to members of the law enforcement and prosecutorial communities, and supported the law enforcement community with numerous forms of assistance.

During this critical time however, the NDCAC has not been without a leader – the current Interim Director, Marybeth Paglino, has overseen the establishment of the NDCAC and guided its development from the drawing board to maturity. Ms. Paglino was recognized by members of the Administrative Subcommittee as an instrumental force in getting the NDCAC off the ground. She has long been an advocate for the NDCAC and its focus on the State and local law enforcement community.

As a former FBI Special Agent with more than thirty years of experience, Ms. Paglino understands the technical challenges faced by law enforcement and the realities of how communications services and devices impact investigations. She developed the current strategic roadmap for the NDCAC and its constituent programs and has worked tirelessly to educate and coordinate the efforts of the law enforcement community.

The Administrative Subcommittee believes Ms. Paglino meets all the necessary qualifications of NDCAC Director and possesses all the necessary qualities to continue to manage the NDCAC, inform the Executive Advisory Board, and assist the law enforcement community. She has worked to ensure the exchange of information among Federal, State, tribal and local law enforcement agencies regarding lawfully-authorized electronic surveillance capabilities, evidence collection on communications devices, and technical location capabilities; enhanced the relationships between law enforcement and the communications industry; and has implemented an effective infrastructure that maintains an external focus to represent law enforcement stakeholders.

The Administrative Subcommittee unanimously agreed to recommend to the full Executive Advisory Board that the EAB nominate Ms. Paglino as the Director of the NDCAC for an initial three-year term. It is the Administrative Subcommittee's recommendation that the EAB

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recommend to the Attorney General that Ms. Paglino be selected and appointed as the Director of the NDCAC.

The Subcommittee will commence work on the selection and appointment recommendation of the NDCAC Deputy Director position(s) and seek input from the NDCAC Director. The Subcommittee will focus on identifying suitable candidates from State and local law enforcement that are interested in supporting the NDCAC for an initial three-year term.